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**Town of Monson Invites the Public to a Meeting to
Learn About the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

The Town of Monson is developing a Hazard Mitigation Plan that identifies and prioritizes actions the Town can take to mitigate the impacts of natural hazards and climate change. Citizen participation is essential.

A public meeting will be held on:

- Thursday, May 11, 2023
- 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Meeting Locations

- Town Offices, 110 Main Street, Monson, MA
- Zoom
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81217899523?pwd=WW9UZGMzY1FrdlZWQUxqTE9Mb3Jkdz09>
 - Meeting ID: 812 1789 9523
 - Passcode: 135157

At the meeting, you will have an opportunity to contribute your ideas for making the Town more resilient to natural hazards such as flooding, snowstorms, high winds, and extreme temperatures. This plan is being developed by a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee comprised of Town leaders and local stakeholders. Jamie Caplan Consulting LLC, a Northampton, MA based firm, is leading this effort on behalf of the Town and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approval, and Town adoption, of the Hazard Mitigation Plan allows the Town to apply for pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation grant funds.

Monson developed a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) plan in 2019 that also identified possible actions to mitigate risks to natural hazards and climate change. The Hazard Mitigation Plan will include all of those identified actions still relevant today.

For questions regarding this project, please contact Toni Uliana, Conservation Agent, Town of Monson, 413-688-0022, tuliana@monson-ma.gov.